

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Councilwoman Gott. Other committee members present were Tracy Bruno, Mike Pearson, Darrell Bowen, Councilman Gerald Brown, and Larry Scott. Lindsey Alexitch was excused. Valerie Heritage was also present.

Visitors present were Fred Schaber, Gia Ford, and Denise Williams.

2. Minutes

There were none.

3. Recognition of visitors

Councilwoman Gott introduced everyone.

4. Family Fun Day - September 10

Councilwoman Gott reviewed a listing of events that they would like to have at Family Fun Day, September 10th, 11:00 am. To 6:00 p.m. at George C. Wright Jr. Municipal Park. The list included: rock wall, corn hole, moon bounce (looking into this), craft table (try to get help with this from the Girl Scouts), volleyball, little kid fun zone, basketball, Smyrna Fire Department, Smyrna Police Department, recycle booth, Recycle Mascot and possibly a bench that DSWA is giving us for our efforts in recycling), Duck Creek Historical Society will have a table, the Library in conjunction with the Opera House will have a table, Focus Pharmacy will have a table, there will be a storyteller, an information table, a lemonade stand, and line dancing.

Ms. Williams reviewed children's activities and will research the cost of some of the activities and report back to the committee.

It was suggested to include the new Smyrna School District Superintendent Dr. Susan P. Brown.

Councilman Brown asked if there would be a rain date – this will be announced at the next special committee meeting on August 30th at 5:00 p.m. Councilman Brown also went over a list of pros and cons.

Councilman Brown made the motion that Councilwoman Gott has the committee's authorization to move forward with what is necessary and get the necessary approval for expenditures from Council. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno and carried unanimously.

5. Festival of Nations vs Historical Event

Councilwoman Gott and Ms. Ford spoke on this. After discussion Councilman Brown suggested that a representative from each of the respective groups be invited to Parks & Recreation Committee meetings to get their feel for this type of event.

Councilman Brown made the motion to move forward with the concept of all interested groups input. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pearson and carried unanimously.

6. Smyrna at Night Sponsors 2023

Councilwoman Gott said the packets are ready, they are just being looked at by our solicitor.

7. Haunted tour Presentation - Historical Society

Councilwoman Gott said this will be held October 15th and will be done in two shifts (times to be determined at a later date).

8. Halloween Celebration - Smyrna Police Department

Councilwoman Gott spoke on this – it will be held Halloween evening.

9. Veterans Event - November 29 - Opera House

Councilwoman Gott spoke on this.

10. Holiday Celebration - Light Parade

Councilwoman Gott described what the day would entail and said it will be held December 10th.

11. Other committee business

Councilwoman Gott said there will be a wreath laying on December 7th. She reminded everyone that there will be a Master Parks Plan meeting at the Citizens' Hose Company on Monday, August 22nd, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and everyone is invited.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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